

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 51:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, so as to transfer the responsibility for the regulation of bingo games and issuance of bingo licenses from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to the Department of Revenue; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bingo, is amended by replacing "Director" with "Commissioner" and "director" with "commissioner" wherever such terms occur in:

- (1) Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions pertaining to bingo;
- (2) Code Section 16-12-52, relating to license required to operate bingo game and recreational bingo exception;
- (3) Code Section 16-12-53, relating to bingo licensing procedures, fees, and renewals;
- (4) Code Section 16-12-54, relating to revocation of licenses and access to premises by law enforcement agencies;
- (5) Code Section 16-12-55, relating to certification of tax-exempt status of organization, issuance of certificate of licensure, and evidentiary nature of certificate;
- (6) Code Section 16-12-56, relating to issuance of annual one-day license to nonprofit, tax-exempt school and application;
- (7) Code Section 16-12-59, relating to annual report to be filed with the director;
- (8) Code Section 16-12-61, relating to promulgation of necessary rules and regulations by director authorized; and
- (9) Code Section 16-12-62, relating to penalties.

SECTION 2.

Said part is further amended by replacing "Bureau of Investigation" with "Department of Revenue" wherever such term occurs in:

- (1) Code Section 16-12-51, relating to definitions pertaining to bingo; and
- (2) Code Section 16-12-53, relating to bingo licensing procedures, fees, and renewals.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2011, and shall apply to all bingo license applications and bingo licenses issued on or after such date.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.